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Subject: Comments on the Initial Concept for Program Elements in Future IRWMPs – Prop 50, 84 and 1E

The Southern California Alliance of Publicly Owned Treatment Works (SCAP) appreciates the opportunity to comment on the grant scoping items presented at the Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Grant Program Scoping Meetings in January 2007.

SCAP represents 80 public agencies that provide both water and wastewater treatment to nearly 18 million people in parts of Los Angeles, Orange, San Diego, Santa Barbara, Riverside, San Bernardino and Ventura counties. We treat and safely reuse or dispose of over 1 billion gallons of wastewater each day and deliver over 1.7 billion gallons of drinking water per day.

SCAP supports the proposal to allow the use of existing guidelines from Prop 50, Chapter 8, which includes strategies for meeting the objectives of the IRWMPs, including wastewater treatment. SCAP feels that the emphasis in both Prop 84 and 1E Bond Measures on water quality improvement and pollution prevention supports the necessity for the inclusion of specific language for wastewater treatment/wastewater improvements. Furthermore, the existing approved IRWMPs around the state currently include wastewater treatment and SCAP concurs that it is appropriate to continue to have this element for statewide consistency.

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Under the Prop 84 scoping topic of what an IRWM Plan must contain, we recommend adding another category to the Water Plan Resource Management Strategies: Wastewater Treatment. We also recommend adding consideration of Regional Water Quality Control Plans. These plans have many of the elements necessary to achieve the requirements in the Prop 84 and 1E for water quality improvements and pollution prevention.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Respectfully,

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